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SUBJ: DETENTION: CLIFF HILL AND NEELY LOWRIE

1. AMEMBASSY KUWAIT HAS LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT AMCITS NEELY LOWRIE AND CLIFF HILL, EMPLOYEES OF NATIONAL TANK CO., BOX 1710, TULSA, OKLA, HAD THEIR PASSPORTS WITHDRAWN BY IRAQI SECURITY POLICE APPROXIMATELY APRIL 16. SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN IN IRAQ SIX OR SEVEN WEEKS TO CHECK ON POORLY PERFORMING FLOW TANK SOLD BY THEIR COMPANY TO IRAQ NATIONAL OIL CO (FORMERLY BASRA PETROLIUM CO) AT BARGHISSIAH NEAR BASRA, IRAQ. SERIOUS FIRE BROKE OUT IN SYSTEM APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, AND SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN COOPERATING IN LENGTHY INVESTIGATION. SECURITY POLICE TOOK THEIR PASSPORTS ABOUT APRIL 16, AND THEY REPORTEDLY ARE AFRAID THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE IRAQ WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES.

2. ABOVE INFO REPORTEDLY PROVIDED TO USINT BAGHDAD THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY BAGHDAD AND ALSO TO NATIONAL TANK CO IN TULSA. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH RELAY SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO BAGHDAD.
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